

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

August 2012 – Week 5

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TITLE: MEXICAN PAYBACK

AUGUST 1837 AND A PROUD SHIP MEETS ITS END.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 27, 1837. GALVESTON BAY. BOUGHT BY TEXAS TO HELP WIN HER INDEPENDENCE, THE 125-TON SCHOONER *INVINCIBLE* HAS A PROUD RECORD.

A YEAR AGO, IT DEFEATED THE MEXICAN SHIP *MOCTEZUMA*. THAT SAME DAY, IT INTERCEPTED A U.S. SHIP, THE *POCKET*, AND ARRESTED ITS CREW FOR SUPPLYING SANTA ANNA'S ARMY, CAUSING AN INTERNATIONAL SCANDAL.

AFTER SANTA ANNA WAS CAPTURED AT SAN JACINTO, THE *INVINCIBLE* WAS SENT TO THE BRAZOS RIVER TO CARRY HIM BACK TO MEXICO, BUT ANGRY TEXAS TROOPS INTERVENED, KEEPING HIM A CAPTIVE.

TODAY, THE *INVINCIBLE* IS ATTACKED BY TWO MEXICAN WARSHIPS IN GALVESTON BAY, RUNS AGROUND AND SINKS. IT IS THE END OF THE TEXAS NAVY.

THE *INVINCIBLE* PROVED NOT TO BE 175 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Robert W. Kesting, "INVINCIBLE," *Handbook of Texas Online*
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qti02>), accessed July 18, 2012. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.